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SUBJECT: SAIGON PSYWAR TASK FORCE REPORT

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1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS: THE BROADCASTING TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (SEPT 17-OCT 5) PAID PRIMARY ATTENTION TO CONTINUED COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND TO ANALYSIS OF THE PROSPECTS FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES. OTHER SUBJECTS TREATED, IN ROUGH DESCENDING ORDER OF FREQUENCY: THE CAMBODIAN MILITARY SCENE; VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST DEFECTIONS, GVN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AGRICULTURAL, RURAL ELECTRIFICATION); JMC/ICCS ACTIVITIES (COMMUNIST AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, ARRIVAL OF IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE); ANTI-COMMUNIST PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE; DETERIORATING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM; AND THE LAOS CEASEFIRE. EXTERNAL

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DEVELOPMENTS TREATED (ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL) WERE PRIMARILY

SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS (AND THE PROSPECTS OF WAR), CHILE,
POMPIDOU VISIT TO PEKING.

2. VTVN NATIONAL RADIO (AUDIBLE BY NVA IN SVN): GOVERNMENTAL
EFFORTS TO SOLVE VARIOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (INCLUDING
MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE RICE SHORTAGE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND RE-
TRAINING OF CIVIL SERVANTS) OVERWHELMINGLY DOMINATED DOMESTIC RADIO
COVERAGE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, ACCOUNTING FOR NEARLY ONE-
THIRD OF THE TOTAL NEWS/COMMENTARY ITEMS. CONTINUANCE OF THE WAR,
STRESSING HIGH COMMUNIST CASUALTIES, WAS THE SECOND MOST FREQUENT
SUBJECT, FOLLOWED BY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS, CHIEFLY DETAILS
ON THE LE CELLE'S ST. CLOUD CONFERENCE. IN LOWER RANK ORDER OF
ATTENTION WERE: COMMUNIST "ECONOMIC WARFARE" IN SVN, ANTI-
COMMUNIST MANIFESTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE,
AND THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION. FOREIGN NEWS DEVELOPMENTS AND
COMMENTARY (ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL) DEALT CHIEFLY WITH EX-
PRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE US AND OTHER COUN-
TRIES.

3. VOA PROGRAMMING: VOA FEEDS FROM THE POST INCLUDED REGULAR
REPORTS ON CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND COMMUNIST MILITARY AND TERROR
ACTIVITIES. SPECIAL EVENTS FEEDS INCLUDED REPORTS ON: PRESIDENT
THIEU'S SPEECH AT HUE, JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN SVN, US MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SVN, ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF NEW IRANIAN
DELEGATE TO THE ICCS, WORLD BANK PLANS FOR SVN, AUSTRALIAN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SVN; AND SAIGON PRESS REVIEW.
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